

Nevada Committee to Review Suicide Fatalities

Confidentiality Agreement

Per NRS 439.5102, the purposes of organizing a multidisciplinary committee to review deaths by suicide to:

1. Review the records of selected cases of deaths by suicide in this State;
2. Review the records of selected cases of deaths by suicide who are residents of Nevada and who die in another state;
3. Assess and analyze such cases;
4. Make recommendations for improvements to laws, policies and practice;
5. Support the safety of all Nevadans; and
6. Prevent future deaths by suicide.

The information obtained during suicide fatality reviews is used to develop prevention recommendations and initiatives. Information shared during the reviews is collected and tracked for use in public reports designed to increase public awareness and develop data-driven solutions for prevention suicide. All relevant data, including historical information concerning the deceased person and his or her family, must be shared at team reviews. The information shared during these meetings is protected from disclosure by NRS 439.5108. Therefore, committee reviews are closed to the public, and confidential information cannot be lawfully discussed with any person outside of the statewide suicide fatality review committee membership. Information and data, including names and other case-specific information, obtained for the purpose of conducting suicide fatality reviews may not lawfully be used for any other purpose.

1. SCOPE OF PARTICIPATION. Pursuant to the provisions of NRS 439.5106, the undersigned may share with the SFRC information concerning the decedent who is the subject of a review or any person who was in contact with the decedent and any other information pertinent to the review.

2. TREATMENT OF INFORMATION SHARED; CONFIDENTIALITY.

- a. Pursuant to the provisions of NRS 439.5108, any information shared by and between SFRC and the undersigned is confidential.

- b. The undersigned shall keep confidential all information, in whatever form, produced, prepared, observed or received through participation in the SFRC to the extent necessary to comply with the provisions of NRS 439.5102 through 439.5108, inclusive.
- c. The undersigned shall return any materials received through participation in the SFRC to the extent necessary to comply with the provisions of NRS 439.5108. In no case shall any committee member or designee disclose any information regarding any case or decisions outside the committee, other than for data reporting purposes and recommendations for change made to the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services. Failure to comply with this restriction may violate NRS 439.5108

Committee members may make a public statement about the general purpose or nature of the suicide fatality review process, as long as it is not identified with a specific case.

By signing below, the committee member agrees to comply with all laws, regulations, policies, and procedures as set forth by the State of Nevada. The team member agrees to review NRS 439.5102 through 439.5108; available at: <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/>

The committee member also agrees to safeguard the confidentiality of all confidential information to which he or she has access. The committee member will not carelessly handle confidential information. The committee member will not in any way divulge, copy, release, sell, loan, review, alter, or destroy any confidential information except as within the scope of his or her duties. This confidentiality extends beyond participation on the suicide fatality review committee.

The committee member will promptly report activities by any individual or entity that he or she suspects may compromise the availability, integrity, security, or privacy of confidential information. This report shall be made to the Chair of the committee.

By his or her signature below, the committee member agrees to abide by all terms and conditions of this confidentiality agreement.

Print Name_____

Signature_____Date _____

Title_____

Agency_____